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PULLING OUT OF SA'ZAIRE; MABOR GENERAL PLANT SHUTS DOWN; U.S.
COMPANIES BEGIN TO CONSIDER EMPLOYEE EVACUATION

1. A GULF CONTRACTOR JUST BACK FROM CABINDA REPORTS THAT
GULF HAS ONLY APPROXIMATELY 20 EMPLOYEES STILL AT MALONGO.
(THIS REPORT CANNOT BE VERIFIED UNTIL GULF'S MANAGER RETURNS
FROM SA'ZAIRE.) THE PORTUGUESE ARMY HAS ORDERED ALL LIBERATION
GROUP FORCES TO REMAIN AT LEAST 12 KMS FROM CABINDA CITY EXCEPT
FOR 12 SOLDIERS PER GROUP PERMITTED IN TOWN. CABINDA CITY IS
REPORTED QUIET AND SOME REFUGEES GULF TOOK TO MALONGO AND
THEN SA'ZAIRE HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES THERE. AMCIT
EYEWITNESSES (ALL WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE) OF MPLA'S JUNE 3
SWEEP OF CABINDA CITY CREDIT IT WITH METHODICAL AND RUTHLESS
THOROUGHNESS. MPLA LIBERALLY USED 122'S AND AT LEAST ONE LIGHT
ARTILLERY PIECE, MORTARS, RPG'S. A UNITA DELEGATION HOUSE (EMPTY
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AT THE TIME) WAS DESTROYED BY A SHORT ROUND FROM MPLA'S ARTILLERY

POSITIONED ON THE TOP OF THE HIGHEST HILL IN THE AREA.

2. TEXACO IS "TEMPORARILY" REMOVING MOST OF ITS EMPLOYEES FROM SA'ZAIRE BUT LEAVING A WAREHOUSE FULL OF SUPPLIES. A TEXACO CONTRACTOR (HAGARD CONSTRUCTION) HAS HAD ALL ITS BLUECOLLAR EXPAT EMPLOYEES (MOSTLY SOUTH AMERICAN) QUIT AND MAY PULL OUT COMPLETELY IN A FEW DAYS.

3. THE MABOR GENERAL TIRE PLANT (OF WHICH GENERAL TIRE OF AKRON OHIO OWNS ABOUT 10 PERCENT) STOPPED OPERATIONS JUNE 6 WHEN HEAVY FIGHTING BEGAN JUST OUTSIDE THE GATES.

4. U.S. COMPANIES ARE REDUCING STAFF AND WRESTLING WITH THE PROBLEMS OF WHEN AND IF TO EVACUATE THE REMAINDER. THE CONSENSUS IS STILL "NOT YET." IN SPITE OF THE VIOLENCE MOST WILL HOLD FAST NOW ON THE ASSUMPTION THE PRESENT ROUND IS OVER. PORTER

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